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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## TRUMBULL STUDENT RECEIVES COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEER AWARD THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2019

On Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, Trumbull Police Chief Michael Lombardo presented Madison Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Amanda Lepore, with a Community Service Volunteer Award. This was to acknowledge her fundraising efforts to purchase stuffed animals for kids in crisis. Amanda, who is a member of the National Junior Honor Society at Madison Middle School, was assigned to create a Community Service Project. Amanda wanted to help children who may be going through a tough time, but was not exactly sure how she could do that. Amanda then contacted the Trumbull Police Department to determine if her idea was something that she would be allowed to do. Amanda met with Officer Fedor who strongly supported and welcomed her idea.

Amanda then contacted her family and friends to seek donations for the stuffed animals that could be given to those kids in crisis. Everyone who she asked for assistance was willing to participate in her project. Amanda then set up an appointment to deliver the animals to the Trumbull Police Department, and that was when Chief Lombardo decided to thank her and present her with the certificate and award. Due to Amanda's efforts, an officer will now have stuffed animals available to help comfort children during difficult situations that they may encounter.

Madison Middle School has a School Resource Officer assigned throughout the school year, to aid in the safety of the school, teach various safety issues, and get to know the students and faculty.

[Photo attached, L to R: Amanda Lepore, and School Resource Officer Massa]